

THE UNDERTAKER'S STORY.

Perhaps I am more sensitive to the horrible than most of my fellow men—am, I think, more easily shocked at times, than I have been in the past. I have, however, been told that certain indications of mine, of my nervousness of that opinion; but I have not yet so far failed in charity as to wish any of these scoundrels put to a similar test.

I had run over to Paris, had spent a couple of weeks in that bright city, and was on my way home again. I took a night train from Dover to London, and in the compartment which I occupied there was but one other passenger—a sharp, intelligent-looking man, with a very grave face. We got the conversation after travelling more than half the distance in that silence which is invariably adopted by Englishmen when they meet. After discussing general subjects, a remark of my companion's led me to say that he seemed to have had a very wide experience, and amongst nearly all recent acquaintances.

"Yes," he answered slowly, "I am an undertaker. I have had a good deal of experience, and I have had my share, I think, of remarkable adventures. I never take this ride from Dover to London without a very painful recollection of one of my former victims. I was still nearly half-hour's ride before us, and his manner, as much as his words, roused my interest.

"Do you care to tell it?" I asked. A quick, involuntary shudder gave to his voice a slight tremor, as he answered, "I wish I could keep from telling it, but I might as well say it now as at any other time. In silence over the awful memory of it. He paused a moment, drew a long shuddering breath, and then he commenced:—
"A little over a year ago what I had about to relate happened to me. I had established a very good business, chiefly amongst the upper classes of the aristocracy, and, of course, I did not decline any call upon me that promised a reasonable profit. I received one day a telegraphic dispatch from Paris, asking me to take charge of a dead body to be sent from Paris to London for burial. I was to meet it at Dover on the arrival of the night train from Calais, and make all the arrangements for its further transportation by rail, and I was referred to a well-known banker as security for my expenses.

"This looked like good business, so I lost no time in getting the necessary permits, and went to Dover in the evening. I had some details to attend to there in order that everything might be in readiness, and no time lost after the boat arrived. Then I had nothing to do but wait. I sat up reading to keep myself awake.

"It was a beautiful, still night, in the late fall, with an almost full moon. I remember the boat got in to time. I received the box containing the body, and saw it placed in one of the luggage-vans of the train; and in due course arrived with it at Victoria Station. One of my wagons was there, waiting to take the body to my place, where I was instructed to keep it until the morning, when the proper parties would call to make arrangements about the burial.

"So far, of course, there was nothing specially remarkable about the affair. It is a little unusual in such cases not to find some one connected with the deceased accompanying the body; but I hardly gave that matter a second thought. I had a queer feeling, but that the right person would appear later in the day.

"When I got to my shop, it still lacked about two hours of daylight, and as I felt no slight responsibility, I didn't think of going home, but made myself as comfortable as possible in my room. I had a queer feeling, but that the right person would appear later in the day.

"I had turned the gas out when I sat down in my chair to sleep, so that the only light in the room came from the dying fire. I became aware of that presence the very instant I awoke. Mind, air, this is not a dream, it is a fact. I am at this moment. The thing was there! It was at the back of me. It was between me and the door. I had got to turn my head to see it. But I knew it was there! Who it was, or what it was, I didn't know; but I was sure that some living thing was standing behind me motionless in the dim, ghastly light, and was looking at me. My God, sir, it was awful to sit still and feel this thing, and try to make up my mind to turn my head towards it! I am pretty well accustomed to corpses, but I can tell you that I did not feel just then that the corpse out in the other room was any company for me.

"Well, there I sat—feeling that horrible gaze fixed upon me in the utter silence, and the death-like cold creeping through my veins—striving, struggling to nerve myself to look around and to face the thing, whatever it was.

"Were you ever locked up in a tomb at night?" the undertaker suddenly asked me. I could only shake my head in response; I could not speak.

"Then it began to approach me. It did not seem to me to be gliding, and not till it reached me did it make a single apparent movement. Then—just stand up, will you? I can illustrate better what occurred." I did so, and he rose at the same time, and wasted no time in getting up. He was dressed in a black frock coat, and he had a very handsome, well-cut suit. He was about thirty years of age, and he had a very handsome, well-cut suit. He was about thirty years of age, and he had a very handsome, well-cut suit.

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jerked and bumped, the tall are cramped with standing. The slight cannot get a proper hold of the stout, and the stout feel hot and contemptuous towards the slight. The feather weights revolve helplessly around the unwieldy, and the unwieldy revolve like the earth upon their axes, and are as "monstrous" and "huddled" till they have blacked and soiled their faces. They have to say how much they have enjoyed themselves; they catch cold on the road home, and awake very and indeed the next morning.

WIGGERS, M.P., (to influential constituents for whom he has procured admission to the House of Commons)—"Springing, you got me into a deuce of a mess last night, and yourself too. They tell me you got up in the gallery and made a speech. 'Springing'—Ay, lad! They made a lot of it, but if you can't do it, I will do it for you. My friend said 'speaker's lot'—'lot'—'an' as soon as a 'got in, lad, a begone to speak; an' that man with the claw-hammer coat tried to put me out; while the members shouted 'Strangers!' But a 'seduce a'—'I'm a stranger to most on you, but a 'kiss a'—'I'm a stranger to most on you, but they checked me for a 'thot'?"

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN WALES ABOUT A MARVELLOUS CURE. LIVING SIX YEARS WITHOUT GOING TO BED.

Mr. EDWARDS, while spending a few days at the pleasant seaside town of Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, Wales, I heard related what seemed to me either a fabulous story or a marvellous cure.

The story was that a poor sufferer who had not been able to sleep in bed for six years, but who was now cured, had been cured by means of a medicine called "Patent Medicine." It was related with the most implicit confidence from the circumstances, as was said, that the Vicar of Llanystyd was familiar with the facts, and could vouch for the truth of the report.

Having a life curiosity to know how such stories grow in travelling, I took the liberty while at the village of Llanystyd to call upon the Vicar, the Rev. T. Evans, and to enquire about this wonderful cure. Though a total stranger to him, both he and his wife most graciously entertained me in a half-hour's conversation, principally touching the case of the sufferer, which they seemed to take a deep and sympathetic interest, having been familiar with his sufferings, and now rejoiced in what seemed to them a most remarkable cure.

The Vicar remarked that he presumed his name had been connected with the report from his having mentioned the case to Mr. John Thomas, a chemist of Llanystyd, said Mr. Pugh was formerly a resident of their parish, but was now living in the parish of Llanddeiniol.

He strongly vouched Mr. Pugh's character as a respectable farmer and worthy of credit. He told the venerable Vicar with a livelier interest, a happy relation of a pastor and people, feeling that one who truly sympathized with all who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate.

On my return to Aberystwyth, I was impressed with a desire to see Mr. Pugh, whose reputation stood so high. His farm is called Pannell-Mawr, signifying 'above the single,' situated in a beautiful valley, a smooth round hill, overlooking a beautiful valley in which is situated the lovely village of Llanystyd. I found Mr. Pugh, apparently about 40 years old, of medium height, rather slight, with a pleasant and intelligent face. I told him I had heard of his case, and he told me of his remarkable and almost marvellous relief, and that I had come to learn from his own lips, what there was of truth in the reports.

Mr. Pugh remarked that his neighbours had taken a kindly and sympathetic interest in his case from his first arrival, and that their interest had been greatly awakened by his happy change in his condition. What you report as having heard abroad, said he, is substantially true, with one exception. I never understood that my case was ever given up as hopeless by any physician. I have been treated by several Doctors hereabouts, as good as any in Wales, but without any permanent improvement, and I was nearly ready to give up the idea of recovery.

Fifteen years ago, he said, I first became conscious of a sour and deranged stomach and loss of appetite, which the Doctors told me was Dyspepsia. What food I could not eat, and my stomach was so deranged, that I was often thrown up with pain and retchings. This was followed after a time with a hoarseness and a raw soreness of the throat which the Doctors called bronchitis, and I was treated for that, but with little success. Then came shortness of breath and a sense of suffocation, especially at night, with clammy sweats, and I was told to get out of bed and sometimes open the door or window in winter weather to fill my lungs with the cold air.

About six years ago I became so bad that I could not sleep in bed, but had to sit up in my arm-chair, and I was so weak and nervous, that I was often thrown up with pain and retchings. This was followed after a time with a hoarseness and a raw soreness of the throat which the Doctors called bronchitis, and I was treated for that, but with little success. Then came shortness of breath and a sense of suffocation, especially at night, with clammy sweats, and I was told to get out of bed and sometimes open the door or window in winter weather to fill my lungs with the cold air.

Early in this last spring I had a still more severe spasmodic attack, and my family and neighbours became alarmed, believing that certainly I would not survive, when a neighbour, who had some knowledge, or heard of the medicine, sent to Aberystwyth by the driver of the London and North Wales Railway, a bottle of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup.

This medicine they administered to me according to the directions, when to their surprise and delight I became at ease, and my stomach was calmer. My bowels were moved by a gentle cathartic, and I felt a sense of quiet comfort all through such as I had not before realized in many years. I could walk around the house and breathe comfortably in a few hours after I had taken the medicine. I have continued to take the medicine daily now for some time, and I feel over two months and have not since had a recurrence of those terrible spasms and sweats. I have been so long broken down and reduced in my system that I have not tried to perform any very hard or strenuous labour, but I feel best to be prudent lest by my exertion I may do myself injury before my strength is fully restored. I feel that my stomach and bowels have been and are being thoroughly renovated and renewed by the medicine. In fact I feel like a new man.

I have been much congratulated by my neighbours, especially by the good Vicar of Llanystyd, who with his sympathetic wife have come three miles to shed tears of joy on my recovery.

I bade Mr. Pugh goodbye, happy that even one at least among thousands had found a remedy for his long-continued illness. Believing this remarkable case of dyspepsia and asthma should be known to the public, I beg to submit the above facts as they are related to me.

F. T. W.

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Risks on First Class Goods up to 10
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1886. 938

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STREAM-LAUNCH
MORNING STAR
Runs DAILY as a FERRY BOAT between
Pedder's Wharf and Tsim-Tsui at the
following hours:—This Time Table will
take effect from the 15th April, 1886.

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.
Leave K'owloon. Leave K'owloon. Leave K'owloon. Leave K'owloon.
6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 8.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.
9.00 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 9.00 "
10.00 " 10.00 " 10.00 " 10.00 "
11.00 " 11.00 " 11.00 " 11.00 "
12.00 P.M. 1.00 P.M. 2.00 P.M. 3.00 P.M.
4.00 " 4.00 " 4.00 " 4.00 "
5.00 " 5.00 " 5.00 " 5.00 "
6.00 " 6.00 " 6.00 " 6.00 "
7.00 " 7.00 " 7.00 " 7.00 "
7.15 " 7.15 " 7.15 " 7.15 "

There will be no Launch on Monday
and Friday, on account of coaling.
The above Time Table will be strictly
adhered to, except under unavoidable cir-
cumstances. In case of stress of weather,
the notice will be given of any stoppages.

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